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SUBJ: ISRAELI HARASSMENT IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: (A) CAIRO 12268 (B) STATE 225441

1. WHEN WITH GENERAL GAMASY SEPTEMBER 13 I BRIEFLY DISCUSSED WITH HIM CURRENT STATE OF PLAY ON AMOCO OIL OPERATIONS IN GULF OF SUEZ. I SAID WE HAD CONTINUED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELIS TO ASSERT RIGHT TO AMOCO TO DRILL IN ITS CONCESSION AREAS. THESE DISCUSSIONS HAD THUS FAR BEEN INCONCLUSIVE BUT WE WERE TRYING TO WORK OUT A PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH AMOCO COULD CONTINUE ITS OIL OPERATIONS EAST OF MEDIAN LINE. IN THE MEANTIME WE HOPED VERY MUCH TO AVOID ANY INCIDENTS IN THE AREA.

2. B. GAMASY SAID HE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS FROM FONMIN FAHMY AND MINPET HILAL CONCERNING THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH ME ON THIS SUBJECT. THESE REPORTS HAD BROUGHT HIM UP-TO-DATE ON THE PROBLEM SINCE HIS LAST DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR EILTS ON SEPTEMBER 4. GAMASY SAID THERE WERE NO EGYPTIAN GUNBOATS IN IMMEDIATE AREA AND HE HAD NO CURRENT PLANS TO SEND THEM THERE. HE AGREED WITH DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING FURTHER INCIDENTS AND SAID HE HOPED WE WERE ABLE TO WORK OUT

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MODUS VIVENDI BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 21 DEADLINE.

3. COMMENT: GAMASY SEEMED CALM AND RELAXED AND EXHIBITED NONE OF THE BLUSTER THAT FONMIN FAHMY HAD ON SATURDAY. HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE RETALITORY ACTIONS BY EGYPT AND FAHMY MAY IN FACT NOT HAVE REPEATED TO HIM WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME ABOUT POSSIBLE EGYPTIAN OPTIONS. WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT EGYPTIAN NAVY WILL NOT PROVOKE ANY INCIDENTS AT THIS TIME.

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